

OXYCONTIN



WHAT IS OXYCONTIN?

- *Oxycontin is an opium derivative that is available by prescription.*
- *Oxycontin is an extremely potent pain killer that comes in time release tablets that last for up to twelve hours.*
- *Oxycontin is the time release version of Percodan or oxycodone.*
- *Oxycontin is prescribed to cancer patients and chronic pain sufferers to help in managing pain.*



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- *Oxycontin tablets can be prescribed in 10mg, 20mg, and 40mg doses.*
- *Oxycontin is also available in 80mg and 160mg doses for opioid tolerant patients.*
- *Oxycontin should only be consumed whole, chewed or crushed tablets can diffuse the time release mechanism and lead to a possible toxic dose of the drug.*



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- *Oxycontin was approved by the FDA in 1995 as a time released form of Oxycodone.*
- *In July, 2001 the FDA investigated reports regarding the serious side effects of Oxycontin and strengthened warnings and precautions by issuing a “black box” warning to help deter inappropriate prescriptions.*
- *Oxycontin has been linked to over 120 deaths and thousands of injuries.*

STREET NAMES



□ *OCs*

□ *Killers*

□ *Oxycotto*

□ *XYs*

□ *Oxies*

□ *Oceans*

□ *Oxycoffins*

□ *Os*



MINOR SIDE EFFECTS

There are several side effects associated with Oxycontin consumption that do not require medical attention:

- Constipation
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Dizziness
- Heartburn
- Confusion
- Pinpoint Pupils
- Drowsiness
- Dry Mouth

SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS

Some Oxycontin side effects are serious and should be reported to your health care provider as soon as possible:

- Chest Pains
- Muscle Weakness/Aches
- Severe Rashes
- Cold/Clammy Skin
- Breathing Difficulties
- Fever
- Seizures
- Overdose/Death

OXYCONTIN TESTING IN THE ARMY

- *Oxycontin is not regularly tested for within the US Army.*
- *Contact your local ASAP for assistance and guidance regarding the testing for Oxycontin as special procedures MUST be followed.*

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- *<http://www.oxycontin-addiction-help.com>*
- *<http://www.oxycontinaddiction.com/>*
- *<http://www.aboutoxycontin.com>*
- *<http://www.health.org>*
- *<http://www.opioids.com/oxycodone/>*
- *http://health.yahoo.com/health/pdr_drugs/0923/0.html*



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